

Hurricane Frances -- Corps Support to FEMA

Hurricane Frances came ashore on the east Coast of Florida as a Category 2 Hurricane on the heels of Hurricane Charley. All federal disaster operations in support of Hurricane Charley were suspended immediately before Frances hit. Corps employees were either moved to a safe area, or were sent home for some much needed rest. In support of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the Corps of Engineers has been working around the clock in preparation for and response to the Hurricane. Mobile district (SAM) has been designated as the executor for all ESF #3 missions in support of Hurricane Frances, while Jacksonville (SAJ) remains responsible for on-going Hurricane Charley missions.

The Corps is providing support to FEMA as the lead agency for Emergency Support Function #3 under the Federal Response Plan. FEMA has tasked the Corps of Engineers to provide commodities such as water, ice and generators. Initial damage assessments are still being conducted to determine the scope of recovery efforts.

People needing assistance can find the following information useful:

For information on receiving federal assistance go to: www.fema.gov or call 1-800-621-FEMA (3362). The TTY number for speech- and hearing-impaired individuals is 1-800-462-7585.

For information on receiving a temporary roof call go to:
<http://www.saj.usace.army.mil/> or call 1-888-766-3258

As of 11 September, 418 personnel from across the Corps are supporting Hurricane Frances Operations. All personnel supporting Hurricane Frances will be moved to safe haven until Hurricane Ivan passes. Specific on-going support actions include:

Emergency Power: 323 assessments requested; 323 assessments completed; 209 generators required; 45 generators installed; 93 installs in progress.

Ice: 116 reefer vans of ice on hand; 137 reefer vans of ice en-route to storage; 500 reefer vans of ice ordered.

Water: 220 truckloads of water on hand; 251 truck load deliveries to 26 counties; 407 truck loads ordered not delivered.

Roofing; 18 Damage Assessment Teams performing assessments of damaged roofs in 5 counties/

Temporary Housing: 127 Rights of entry obtained.

Roofing: 7,630 temporary roofs completed. 22,438 rights of entry (ROE) obtained for roof repair; 2,860 self-help tarps have been delivered to the Emergency Response and Recovery Office (ERRO) Forward.

Temporary Housing: Charlotte County Airport Group Site - Clearing and grubbing continues. Final site layout meeting scheduled for 14 Sep. The Corps is currently participating in planning efforts to meet temporary housing needs. Jacaranda Staging Area - Placement of fill for Phase II continues.

Power: 106 of 130 requests to de-install generators are complete.

Debris: Two Corps subject matter experts continue technical assistance as directed by FEMA.